

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT**

The following Amendment and remarks are submitted in response to an Office Action, dated September 7, 2006, and is being timely filed within the shortened statutory period set for response. Kindly amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 7 of this paper;

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper; and

Conclusion is on page 12 of this paper.